COMMISSION ON RESEARCH
April 13, 2005
325 Burruss Hall
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.


Members Absent: B. Fenwick, M. Kelly, J. Mancini, R. Murch, S. Quisenberry, A. Street

Invited Guests: R. Hall, T. Pickering, and J. Rankin

Others: P. Pettry

1. Approval of Agenda: Dr. Gwazdauskas made a motion to approve the agenda; it was seconded. Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2005: A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved.

3. Student Representation on the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Kerry Wood/Jory Ruscio: Ms. Ruscio presented her request to add graduate student representation to the Institutional Review Board and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Discussion followed on how to best accomplish the addition of student representation to the IRB. Student representation to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee was denied. Dr. Blair made a motion to send a letter to the Vice President for Research approving the addition of student representation to the IRB. Dr. Gwazdauskas seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Update on the Organization and Function of University Institutes (ICTAS and IBPHS), Jim Weaver/Jim Blair: Drs. Weaver and Blair provided background on the progression of the two institutes and the issues to be addressed from the previous meeting. Dr. Janet Rankin, interim director of IBPHS, provided a timeline on the evolution of the Institute for Biomedical and Public Health Sciences. Mr. Rodd Hall, term director of ICTAS, also provided information on the formation of ICTAS. Discussion followed on the purposes and plans of the institutes, faculty representation on the stakeholders committees, and the charters for each institute. It was agreed that ICTAS would revise its’ stakeholders committee.
5. **Report on Possible Revisions to University Policies 13005 and 3020, Tim Pickering:** Dr. Pickering reported on the plans to revise the two administrative policies dealing with research units. A volunteer committee will work on the revisions over the summer.

6. **Update on Grant Application “Signature” Policy, Jim Blair:** Dr. Blair said the new signature policy was created to provide relief with internal requirements for principal investigators. He stated there are plans to have a mechanism on the web that will address all the expressed concerns.

7. **Indirect Costs Return Policy Considerations, Jim Blair:** Dr. Blair stated a shortage of research space is the driving force behind the plans to change the indirect cost distribution. Discussions are continuing on campus. Dr. Blair mentioned three options which are being discussed: 1) do nothing; 2) freeze the amount of indirect distribution at the current level; and 3) phase the indirect from 47% down to 25% return to the colleges over five years.

8. **Adjournment:**
   Meeting adjourned at 5:05PM.